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the wilderness challenge



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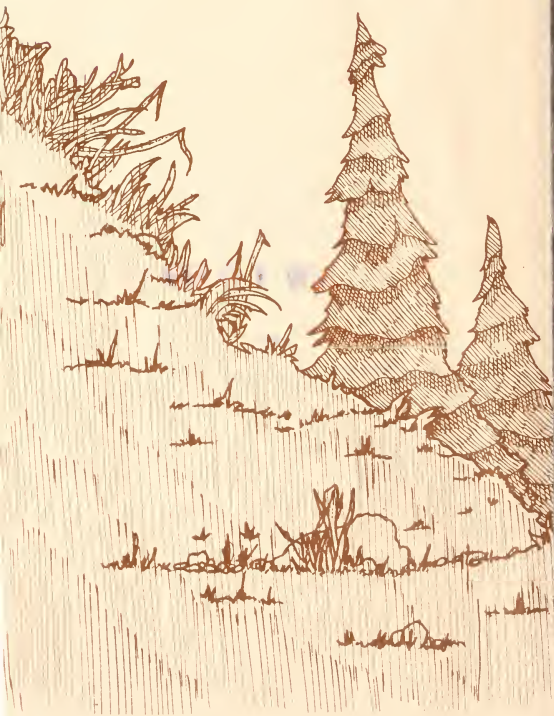
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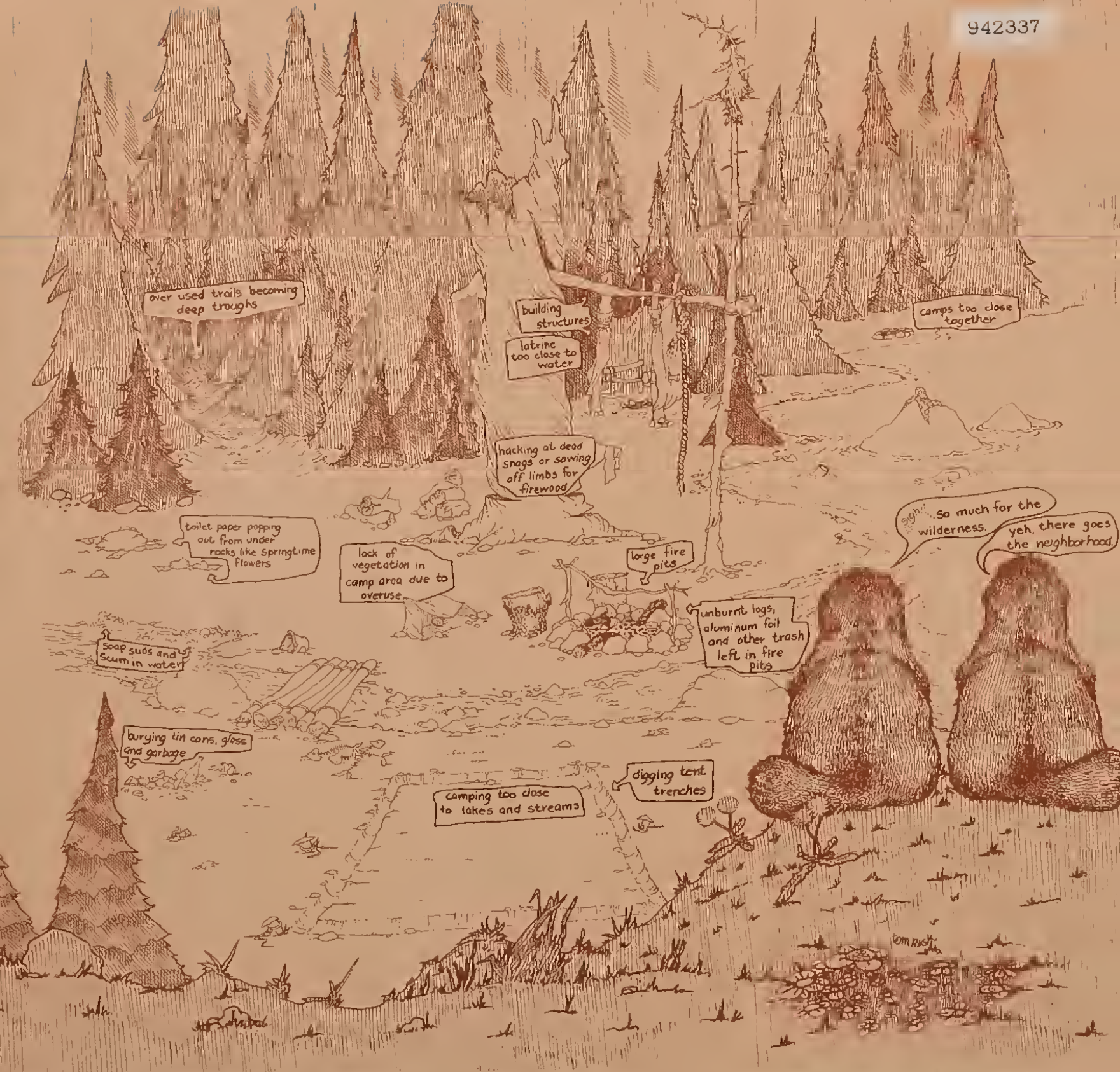
In years past we used to speak of wilderness survival as the ability of man to survive the wilderness. Now we speak of wilderness survival as the land's capability of surviving man.

What can we all do to protect the wilderness?

In this example, many permanent traces of man's use are depicted. Can you think of some other, all-too-common scenes that you have observed, maybe contributed to?

After you pass, will the wilderness remain as it was? Will you make the No-Trace Ethic your personal challenge?





... my personal answer to the wilderness challenge

I WILL

I DID

Plan ahead to avoid impact

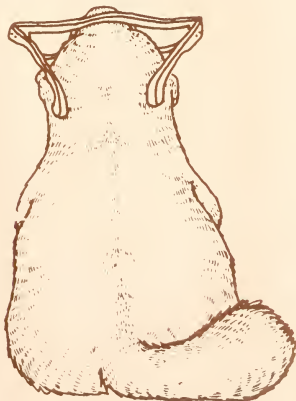
- ☐ Avoid holidays and weekends ☐
- ☐ Travel and camp in small family-sized groups ☐
- ☐ Carry horse feed, picket ropes, hobbles ☐
- ☐ Repackage food to reduce containers ☐
- ☐ Take a litterbag to carry out all refuse ☐
- ☐ Carry a stove and foods requiring little cooking ☐
- ☐ Buy only gear in subdued forest colors ☐
- ☐ Check with Ranger Station for low-use areas ☐

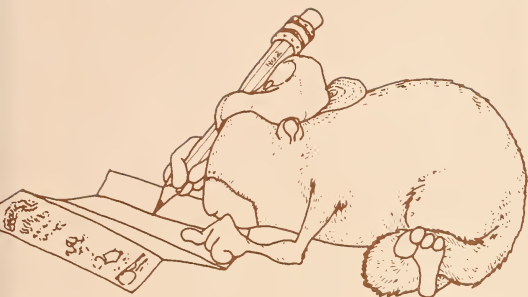
Travel to avoid impacts

- ☐ Walk single file in center of trail ☐
- ☐ Stay on main trail even if wet or snow-covered ☐
- ☐ Never short-cut switchbacks ☐
- ☐ Travel cross-country only on rocky or timbered areas ☐
- ☐ Look at and photograph, never pick or collect ☐
- ☐ Avoid popular areas ☐

Make no-trace camps

- ☐ Seek ridgetop or timbered campsites ☐
- ☐ Choose well-drained, rocky, or sandy campsites ☐
- ☐ Never cut standing trees ☐
- ☐ Avoid leveling or digging hip holes and trenches ☐
- ☐ Make only small safe campfires in safe areas ☐
- ☐ Carry small firewood from timbered areas outside camp ☐
- ☐ Make camp 200 feet away from shore areas ☐





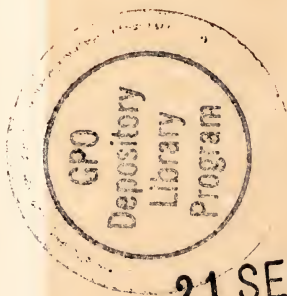
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- ☐ Use lightweight, soft shoes. Avoid trampling vegetation ☐
- ☐ Wash 100 feet away from water sources ☐
- ☐ Use biodegradable soaps ☐
- ☐ Bury human waste or fish entrails 6 inches deep ☐
- ☐ Picket and hobble horses 200 feet from camp or water ☐
- ☐ Rotate horses through grazing area ☐
- ☐ Avoid even temporary tying of horses to small trees ☐
- ☐ Stay as quiet as possible and enjoy the quietness ☐
- ☐ Leave radios and tape players at home ☐
- ☐ Leave my dog at home ☐
- Leave a no-trace campsite**
- ☐ Pick up every trace of litter ☐
- ☐ Erase all signs of a fire ☐
- ☐ Scatter horse manure, fill in pawed holes ☐
- ☐ Replace rocks and logs where they were ☐
- ☐ Pack out litter, mine and theirs ☐
- ☐ Report significant information to Ranger Station ☐
- ☐ Look for signs of my passing. Did I leave traces? ☐
- ☐ **Apply the no-trace ethic elsewhere** ☐

Signed

A concerned Wilderness visitor



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